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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: KAGNEW 4

REF: KHARTOUM 2525

1. STATEMENT OF TYPE SUGGESTED BY KIBEIDA IN PARA 2, REF-TEL, OR EVEN THAT SUGGESTED IN PARA 3, BEFORE RELEASE OF KAGNEW 2, IS NOT FEASIBLE ESSENTIALLY FOR REASONS ADVANCED BY AMBASSADOR TO KIBEIDA ON PERSONAL BASIS (PARA 2, REFTEL).

2. SUBJECT EMBASSIES ADDIS AND KHARTOUM CONCURRENCE, EMBASSY KHARTOUM AUTHORIZED INFORM GOS THAT ELF REPS MAY BE ADVISED (A) THAT ON SAFE RELEASE OF KAGNEW 2 AN QUOTE APPROPRIATE UNQUOTE STATEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT
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SPOKESMAN; (B) MEDIA WILL PRESUMABLY COVER RELEASE OF THE

CAPTIVES IN KHARTOUM (IF ACCEPTABLE TO GOS) OR AT ONGOING DESTINATION; AND, (C) IN VIEW OF GOOD TREATMENT REPORTEDLY EXTENDED TO KAGNEW 2, IT IS POSSIBLE THEY WILL GENERATE FAVORABLE COMMENT ABOUT ELF IN THEIR PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH MEDIA.

3. QUOTE APPROPRIATE UNQUOTE STATEMENT CITED ABOVE FOR PASSING BY GOS TO ELF WOULD CONSIST OF WELCOME OF SAFELY RETURNED CAPTIVES AND EXPRESSION OF RELIEF THAT THE TREATMENT ACCORDED THEM DURING THEIR CAPTIVITY APPEARS NOT TO HAVE RESULTED IN ANY SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT TO THEIR HEALTH. SPOKESMAN WOULD ALSO SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO SAY USG DEPLORES CONTINUATION OF FIGHTING IN ERITREA AND SUFFERING IT HAS BROUGHT AND THAT USG CONTINUES TO HOPE FOR AN EARLY, PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ERITREAN PROBLEM. IN THIS CONNECTION, SPOKESMAN WOULD ADD, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE MEDIATION EFFORTS BY THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT MAY PROVE SUCCESSFUL. INGERSOLL

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